



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

October 2022

Re: Annual Declaration and Claim for Low-emission Slurry Spreading – GLAS

Dear GLAS Participant,

You applied for the Low-emission Slurry Spreading (LESS) action (and in some cases also Protection of Watercourses from Bovines action) as part of your application for the Green, Low-carbon, Agri-environment Scheme (GLAS). I also note that you have applied for a Nitrates Derogation for 2022.

GLAS supports the voluntary uptake of environmental actions. Please note that the new regulation, S.I. No. 40 of 2020 (European Union Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Water – Amendment), now makes the use of Low-emission Slurry Spreading (LESS) technologies mandatory for derogation farmers from 15th April 2020.

In addition, S.I. 605 of 2017, the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) Regulations as amended by S.I. No 529 of 2020, the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters)(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020, now requires all watercourses on farms with Grassland stocking rates of 170kg nitrogen per hectare and above to be protected from bovine activity with effect from Jan 1st 2021.

EU payments cannot issue in respect of an action that is compulsory. Accordingly, you will not be eligible for payment from GLAS for LESS or Protection of Watercourses (if applicable) for 2022 or for future years where a nitrates derogation also applies.

As the introduction of the above regulations alters the payment claim of your GLAS application you now have the option to terminate your GLAS contract without the recoupment of money paid to date. However, if you wish to continue with your GLAS contract, your other GLAS actions will not be affected and payment for these actions will issue once your claim clears the payment validation process.

Enclosed is your annual declaration and claim form, which still must be completed, in order to process your 2022 payment for all other actions. The fully completed claim form must be returned by Friday 28th October 2022, to GLAS, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford, Y35 PN52. Your 2022 GLAS payment cannot be processed until this form is returned and approved. Failure to return this form will result in you becoming ineligible for payment for the Scheme itself. Please note that payment will not issue or may be delayed if all relevant fields are not completed.

You are not required to enclose receipts with this form. They must be kept by you with your record sheets and be made available for any inspection. For ease of calculation, 1m³ is equal to 1,000 litres (220 gallons).

Please be advised that the above is only applicable to GLAS contracts that are currently active.

Yours sincerely,

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